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MAINE, CALIFORNIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES SIGN PRESERVATION STEWARD AGREEMENTS WITH GPO

Washington – The Law Library of San Bernardino County, California, Raymond H. Fogler Library at the University of Maine, Orono, and University of South Carolina, Columbia - Thomas Cooper Library each signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) to become Preservation Stewards. Under this agreement, the libraries pledge to permanently preserve its print collections of the following:

Law Library of San Bernardino County

- Public Papers of the Presidents (complete collection)
- Proclamations and Executive Orders: Herbert Hoover
- Proceedings of the United States Senate in the Impeachment Trial of William Jefferson Clinton

Raymond H. Fogler Library at the University of Maine, Orono

Public Papers of the Presidents (complete collection)

University of South Carolina, Columbia - Thomas Cooper Library

- Annals of Congress
(First Congress, 1789) – (18th Congress, First Session, 1824)
- Register of Debates in Congress
(18th Congress, 2nd session, 1824/25 – 25th Congress, 1st session, 1837)
- Congressional Globe
(23rd Congress, 1st session, 1833) – 43rd Congress, 3rd session, 1872-73)
- Congressional Record
v. 1 (43rd Congress, Special Session, Senate, 1873) – current
- Publications of the United States Department of Education,
1979 – current
- Publications of the United States Office of Education, 1869 – 1979

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"GPO welcomes these libraries as preservation stewards and their commitment of maintaining Government information in multiple platforms," said Acting GPO Director Jim Bradley. "I encourage more libraries to become part of this venture of preserving valuable print collections of Government information."

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